As for publicising such activities, a Seminar was arranged during November, 91 at the Institute for voluntary, Government and other interested agencies to disseminate know-how on the design of Kedar Kuti. A publication entitled 'Kedar Kuti' was also published in Hindi for use of agencies undertaking earthquake relief work in Uttar Kashi region. A few prototypes of Kedar Kuti were erected by the Institute for demonstration purposes at Roorkee and at Uttar Kashi.

The Institute is further envisaging to provide on-the-spot training in the relevant building technologies to supervisors, masons and other skilled and unskilled workers in various villages of Maharashtra region hit by recent earthquakes.

1041. [*Transferred to 17th December, 1993*]

Recommendations of the Expert Committee Constituted for the Prediction of Earthquakes

1042. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government had constituted an expert committee in 1987 on revamping earthquake prediction;

(b) if so, whether the committee had submitted its report to Government and made several recommendations;

(c) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the expert committee;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government have not acted upon the recommendations of the Committee and buried the report; and

(e) if so, the facts thereof and reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

INDO—US Technological Relations Consequent on Cryogenic Deal Controversy

1043. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indo-US co-operation in Science and Technology is under stress, following the scuttling of the transfer of Cryogenic engine technology from Russia;

(b) if so, whether the strained relations will adversely affect the joint Indo-US research Programme;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the US has proposed a new agreement on Science and Technology;

(d) if so, details of the US proposal; and

(e) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) Since October 1989, the U.S. Government has been reviewing all new or expanded cooperative bilateral Science and Technology projects in the light of their position on Intellectual Property Rights. This review is not linked to the cancellation or otherwise of cryogenic engine deal with Russia.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. The proposed objective is to facilitate opportunities for cooperation in scientific and technological